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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Intracoastal Waterway, Jacksonville to Miami, FL project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Florida Inland Navigation District, located at 1314 Marcinski Avenue, Jupiter, FL 33477.

The funding would be used to complete for maintenance dredging of 4 areas to improve navigation in Flagler, St. Lucie, Duval, St. Johns & Brevard counties. Maintenance dredging of the IWW was authorized by Congress in the 1927 Rivers and Harbors Act, PL 70-560. The Florida waterways are an integral part of the state economy, contributing to the commercial and recreational boating industry, boater safety, shore protection, job creation and retention, and the increase in property values. The Administration does not request sufficient funding for these waterways in its annual budget request. This request will assist the Florida Inland Navigation District, working in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers, in maintaining the Intracoastal Waterway (IWW).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Brian Mast

Member of Congress